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DURING CONVERSATION WITH PETER VAJDA INFLUENTIAL POLITICAL WRITER
HSWP DAILY NEPSZABADSAG, PAO, DRAWING ON MATERIAL IN FEB. 4 EDITION
WIRELESS FILE RE TIMES EDITORIAL ON SOVIET "DOUBLE STANDARD", REFERRED

AMONG OTHER THINGS TO PASSAGE QUOTE FACT IS VOA AND BBC LEANED
OVER BACKWARDS IN THEIR VERY LIMITED RUSSIAN LANGUAGE ACCOUNTS
OF SHOLZENYTSIN'S NEW BOOK UNDOUBTEDLY IN BELIEF THIS TREATMENT IN
INTEREST OF DETENTE UNQUOTE. VAJDA REPLIED IMMEDIATELY QUOTE
YES WE KNOW THAT AND NOTED IT WITH SATISFACTION. WE KNOW THAT
MANY PEOPLE LISTEN TO VOA AND WE FOLLOW CLOSELY WHAT IT
SAYS UNQUOTE. VAJKA CONTINUED SAYING QUOTE YOU NO DOUBT NOTED
VOA CRITICISM OMITTED FROM HUNGARIAN PRESS COMMENTARY REGARDING
WESTERN MEDIA COVERAGE OF BOOK UNQUOTE THUS CONFIRMING SIGNIFICANCE
POST OBSERVATION THIS OMISSION FROM HUNGARIAN STORIES ON GULAG
ARCHIPELAGO.
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